



## What is ALDA?

Association of Late-Deafened Adults (ALDA) was formed in Chicago, Illinois in 1987. Most of those that gathered there were total strangers who had never met or talked to another deafened person, yet they found themselves wonderfully comfortable with one another. There was an unspoken feeling of understanding and patience with each other's communication difficulties. The marvelous sense of fellowship lasted and led to more social gatherings and self help support groups, which swiftly evolved into the Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA). Today, ALDA's membership is international in scope. ALDA works collaboratively with other organizations around the world serving the needs of late-deafened people and extends a welcome to everyone, late deafened or not, who supports our goals.

## How do I join?

Salt Lake ALDA meets once a month in different locations. This group is more social type of 'get together' meetings, where sometimes a captioned movie is shown; or we just sits and talk with others about hearing loss issues. Technically, a late-deafened adult has no residual hearing, but the group has several people who still hear or who have received cochlear implants, so we have a nice mix of listening, lip reading and signing at every meeting. If you're interested in coming, we'd love to have you! Contact Robin Traveller at [rtraveller@utah.gov](mailto:rtraveller@utah.gov) and she will direct you to the current chairperson.